

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In Area no.	Form no.
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n Lexington

ress 6 Parker St.

e George B. Dennett House

sent use Residence

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ription: _____

1873

ource Minute-Man, Dec 21, 1872
Jan 4, 1873

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features Foundation brick, facade -

Gable to street, door on left, no ornament.

First floor porch.

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

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Date 9/16/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) George B. Dennett

Original use (Land originally part of Hendley farm, 2016 Mass. Ave.)

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip:

w. simple single brackets at overhang of ^{porch} roof. Simple columns, Doric with balusters of flat ~~sawn~~ boards. Heavy overhang on roof, strong return with double brackets. Paired brackets at cornice line N & S sides. S. side two story bay w brackets at both first & second floor roof lines, flush boarding between first & second floors. N. side one story bay (rectangular rather than 3-sided), brackets at roof line, wide cornice board. Rear wing, 2 story, paired brackets similar to main house.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
6 PARKER STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

G. B. Dennett is shown as the owner of this house on the 1889 map.

On December 21, 1872 the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that "Mr. Geo. B. Dennett has commenced the cellar for his new house on land recently purchased of Mr. R.D. Blinn". The next week the newspaper reports that Blinn sold five lots to four individuals – George Dennett, S.W. Hendley, W. Hendley and a Mr. Chapman (who bought two). Parker Street was initially known as Linden Street and was to be fifty feet wide. As of January Dennett had begun his cellar and Chapman had also broken ground for two \$6000 houses (*Minute-man*, Jan. 4, 1873).

A Civil War Veteran, born in 1834, G.B. Dennett was employed as a carpenter, and later as janitor of Town Hall. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Dennett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at the house which is described in some detail in the *Minute-man* on Dec. 2, 1905. George Dennett lived here until about 1908 at which time he/they moved to 38 Forest Street to live with their daughter who was married to William Glenn, also a carpenter.

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Middlesex County Register of Deeds, Cambridge, Mass.
1853 & 1889 Lexington maps.

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